

blistering verbal attacks on coal operators and politician. She criticized the poor working conditions, meager safety provisions, and long hours of the mines and called for change.

In 1913, Jones was placed under house arrest in Pratt for inciting a riot and was held there for 85 days. When news of her imprisonment spread across the country, Congress was forced to investigate the matter.

Although the settlement of the strike failed to answer the miners' main grievances, the Paint Creek strike produced a number of labor leaders who would play prominent roles in the years to come. Following the strike, the coalfields were relatively peaceful for 6 years.

I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Pratt, WV, and its residents on their first 100 years and in extending our best wishes for their next 100 years and beyond. We recognize Pratt's important contributions to the labor movement. Through its challenges and triumphs, Pratt has helped to move our Nation forward in labor relations, which is one of the many reasons this fine community deserves our recognition.

Pratt has a rich past and a promising future.●

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LINCOLN PRIMARY CARE CENTER

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Lincoln Primary Care Center, which has served the people of Lincoln County, WV, since 1975.

That year, the residents of Lincoln County opened a small, nonprofit health clinic in the storefront of a local grocery store. In 1977, the Lincoln County Primary Care Center became the Nation's first federally designated Rural Health Care Clinic and, by May of 1991, had been given the National Rural Healthcare Association Outstanding Rural Practice Award.

Today, the Lincoln Primary Care Center serves nearly 22,000 area residents and reaches out, not only to the people of Lincoln County but also to those in parts of Cabell and Wayne Counties. The center is now housed within a 17,500 square-foot building that features 33 treatment rooms and offers a wide variety of medical services. This includes initiatives within the Wellness Center, opened in 2004 to provide members of the community with valuable information regarding the prevention of chronic disease. This also includes healthy living programs that benefit residents of all ages, the Senior Nutrition Program, which serves free lunches to anyone over the age of 55, and the exercise facility, which is used by at least 50 people each day.

As I have said before, West Virginia is a rural State and, in many areas, access to quality health care is problematic. This is especially true in the case

of our seniors, who comprise nearly 15 percent of our population and have significant health care needs. That is why it is good to know that the Lincoln Primary Care Center offers them high-quality, accessible care that addresses all aspects of wellness.

Indeed, it is clear that the Lincoln Primary Care Center plays an important role in the community it serves, and a number of West Virginians who visit the center have conveyed to me their appreciation for it. Ms. Brenda Terry notes the great pleasure she receives from the use of the center's exercise facility, and how glad she is to see so many friends there. Also, Ms. Mary Richmond tells me that she is thankful for the paved walking track, and Ms. Donna Rush describes the pleasant atmosphere enjoyed by those who live alone. Finally, Mr. John Rush expresses his fondness for the new friendships that he has forged during his time there.

With this praise in mind, I would like to commend the Lincoln Primary Care Center as it celebrates its 30th Anniversary and I would like to recognize the dedicated service it provides to its community—service that can serve as a model for rural health care delivery, now and in the future.●

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF RADM EDWARD "ANDY" WILKINSON, RET.

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a great patriot, RADM Andy Wilkinson, on the occasion of his retirement. Andy has led a life of great purpose, from his childhood days in Alabama to a dedicated military career and his time in the private sector in Huntsville, AL. A native of Selma, Andy is of the generation of military leaders in this Nation whose sacrifice and commitment preserved and protected our freedom from Vietnam on into the long decades of confrontation with the former Soviet Union, and beyond.

He began his distinguished 34-year military career in 1955 when he was commissioned as an ensign upon his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. He also graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College, the National War College, and he holds a Master's Degree in Engineering from the George Washington University. During his Naval career as a pilot, he held six commands, four of which were in operational aviation units, including command of Patrol Wings, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Andy also served on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air and as Manager of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Systems Project Office in the Naval Material Command, supervising a budget of over \$1 billion per year.

With an expertise in aviation, anti-submarine warfare, and mapping, charting, and geodesy, MC&G, Andy served as the Director of the Defense Mapping Agency, DMA. In this role, he was responsible to the Secretary of De-

fense for all service MC&G matters and managed the multi-billion-dollar DMA all digital modernization program. Andy has been awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and two Legions of Merit Medals during his distinguished military career.

In 1985, Andy joined the Intergraph Corporation as a senior representative to the U.S. Government on relations with Congress and the executive department. After being promoted to vice president in 1987 and to executive vice president in 1994, Andy then served as Director of U.S. Federal Sales and Marketing until 1999. He currently provides leadership and expertise by overseeing all Government relations and Federal solutions business planning.

During his career, Andy has shown continuous dedication and played a major role in several large contracts and programs that have helped to improve government and the efficiency and effectiveness of a vast array of military programs. Andy was instrumental in the management and development of CAD-2 programs for the Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, and Naval Facilities Engineering Command, which provide information technology support and integration in the Navy and Federal government. Also, Andy served a vital role in developing the Depot Maintenance Accounting and Production System for the Air Force Material Command, AFMC. By facilitating data exchange between legacy systems, this program greatly enhanced AFMC's decisionmaking process and increased responsiveness to the warfighter and other support personnel.

Finally, I should also say that Andy distinguished himself in yet another way. He is one of those rare individuals whose word is his bond, and whose actions, both personal and professional, are based on a bedrock of integrity. He has earned the confidence and respect of countless Members of Congress, Senators, and his colleagues.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Mr. Andy Wilkinson. I thank him for his service, and I wish Andy and his wife Sondra and their family the very best as they begin a new chapter in their lives.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)